

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the subject application as amended. In response to the Office Action mailed 5/21/04, Applicant is filing this amendment. After this amendment, claims 1, 4-15 and 18-20 are pending.

In the Office Action mailed 5/21/04, the Examiner has rejected all of the claims based on the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting. Applicant submits that the amended claims are now distinguishable from the claims of the 6,686,775 patent to not warrant such a rejection. However, if the Examiner insists on the rejection based on the judicially created doctrine of double patenting, Applicant will submit a terminal disclaimer to overcome the rejection.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw the double patenting rejection and allow amended claims 1, 4-15 and 18-20.

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